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SUBJECT: CEMA-EEC COOPERATION

1. SUMMARY - SOVIET ECONOMIST WHO IS WELL-INFORMED ON CEMA AND SOVIET-EAST EUROPEAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS HAS STATED THAT QUESTION OF CEMA-EEC RELATIONS WAS DISCUSSED BY CEMA COUNTRY PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS AT SPECIAL, NON-SCHEDULED MEETING IN WARSAW DURING OR AFTER POLISH PARTY CONGRESS SESSION.

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ROMANIANS WERE NOT PRESENT, NOT HAVING BEEN INVITED TO

ATTEND. SOURCE ALLEGED NO NEW DECISIONS WERE REACHED AT MEETING. EMBASSY BELIEVES SOVIETS ARE INCLINED TO HAVE CEMA CONTINUE

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WITH EEC, IGNORING ROMANIAN OBJECTIONS AND LACK OF COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING DISCUSSION DEC 19 WITH SOVIET INSTITUTE ECONOMIST WHO IS SPECIALIST ON CEMA AND EAST EUROPEAN RELATIONS, EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT OF CEMA-EEC NEGOTIATIONS AND SUGGESTED THAT DIALOGUE SEEMED TO HAVE BROKEN DOWN DURING PAST FEW MONTHS AND THAT NOTHING COULD PROBABLY BE EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF SOVIET 25TH PARTY CONGRESS IN FEBRUARY.

3. ECONOMIST REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AT ALL, THAT POSSIBILITY OF "ALL-EUROPEAN COOPERATION" WAS STILL PROMINENT SUBJECT FOR CONSIDERATION BY CEMA SECRETARIAT AND ALSO BY INSTITUTES IN MOSCOW CONCERNED WITH THIS MATTER. IN FACT, SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY BY CEMA COUNTRY PARTY LEADERS AND BY TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT SPECIAL MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THEIR PARTICIPATION AT RECENT POLISH PARTY CONGRESS IN WARSAW. THE ROMANIANS HAD NOT (REPEAT NO) BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WHICH HE IMPLIED WAS INFORMAL AND NOT SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE. SOURCE ADDED THAT HIS INSTITUTE NOW HAD A MEMORANDUM SEVERAL PAGES LONG ON DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE. HE ALLEGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

4. REGARDING POSSIBLE DELAY DUE TO CPSU CONGRESS, HE SAID THAT TWO SUBJECTS NOT RELATED, AND THAT CONGRESS NEED NOT INTERFERE.

5. COMMENT - SOURCE HAS BEEN GENERALLY RELIABLE, AND WE EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION AS PROBABLY CORRECT. IT ALSO PROVIDES FURTHER INDICATION OF SOVIET IRRITATION OVER ROMANIAN OBJECTIONS TO DOCUMENT FOR CEMA SUMMIT. SUMMIT MEETING MAY WELL HAVE BECOME SOMETHING OF A NON-EVENT BECAUSE OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF RECONCILING ROMANIANS
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AND DIFFICULTY OF RESCHEDULING DURING HECTIC PERIOD OF PARTY CONGRESSES AND NEW FIVE-YEAR PLANS.

6. DESPITE SOURCE'S COMMENT THAT NOTHING NEW DEVELOPED AT WARSAW, THE MEETING MUST INDEED HAVE BEEN AN INTERESTING ONE, IF ONLY AS A PLOTTING SESSION ON HOW TO CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH COMMON MARKET. WE SUSPECT THAT PROCEDURE WILL BE TO MUDDLE THROUGH, WITH

ROMANIANS IGNORED AND LEFT TO PARTICIPATE OR NOT -- AS
THEY WISH. THIS WOULD FOLLOW CEMA'S "INTERESTED
COUNTRY" PRINCIPLE WHICH SOVIETS HAVE PREVIOUSLY
USED IN HANDLING ROMANIAN OBJECTIONS. STOESSEL

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